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Consultant

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Sandy Telfer is a real estate lawyer experienced in planning and development issues. A non-executive director of the development arm of one of Edinburgh's largest housing associations, Sandy is recognised as very experienced in the delivery of affordable housing as part of private sector housing development.

Sandy is recognised as a skilled inquiry advocate and regularly represents clients at planning inquiry and hearing sessions throughout the UK. His main area of experience is in real estate transactions involving large scale housing development, including the recent successful promotion over the last two years of major sites in Perthshire and Edinburgh.

- Real Estate Development and Planning
- Real Estate

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- Advising Dawn Developments and the owners of Ayr Racecourse at a called-in public inquiry regarding a mixed use enabling development at the Racecourse
 - Advising Nuon Renewables in relation to their acquisition of a windfarm development in West Lothian
 - Drafting the Section 75 Agreement for a developer promoting a 500 unit housing and regeneration project in Stirlingshire which involved an innovative approach to the delivery of the affordable housing component
 - Advising the Ministry of Defence on planning and environmental matters regarding the sale of HM RNB Rosyth to a consortium led by Scottish Power and the Bank of Scotland
 - Acting for an Isle of Man trust in relation to the £23 million sale of the former Winston Barracks site in South Lanarkshire to Kier Homes
 - Acting for Homes for Scotland in a Court of Session challenge to East Dunbartonshire Council's planning policy on the valuation of commuted sum payments in relation to affordable housing

Professional Qualifications

- Admitted as a Solicitor with the Law Society of Scotland

Recognitions

- "Has an excellent detailed knowledge of the planning system, being able to interpret the legislation very effectively." Sources also say that he is "very personable and provides very sound, logical advice." - *Chambers UK 2016*
- Sandy is accredited by the Law Society of Scotland as a specialist in planning law and is a Legal Associate of the Royal Town Planning Institute
- *Chambers UK 2015* describe Sandy as a "superb lawyer" who "combines great legal ability with a strong human relationship side"
- He is ranked in the Band 1 category as a leading individual in the field of planning law
- *Legal 500* recognize Sandy for his "expertise, gravitas and commercial acumen."
- *Chambers* and *Legal 500* acknowledge Sandy's expertise in the area of onshore unconventional gas development

Education

- Glasgow University, Master of Arts; MA; Bachelor of Laws LLB
- Strathclyde University Law School, Diploma in Legal Studies
- Legal Associate of the Royal Town Planning Institute (LARTPI)

Memberships

- Member of the United Kingdom Environmental Lawyers Association.
- Member of the Law Society of Scotland.

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Publications

Sandy is a regular contributor of articles on planning law matters to the *Scottish Planning and Environmental Law Journal*, most recently in relation to the Scottish Government's latest guidance on developer contributions.